



University prepares for cuts, tuition rise



By Trey Williams
News Editor

As another year rolls in with more budget decreases, the fate of Missouri higher education institutions and departments across the board rest in the hands of the General Assembly.

Like every year, Missouri's General Assembly will be faced with the responsibility of finalizing the state budget. And even though this year, this budget, this decision holds more weight than any in recent history, Northwest is still finding a way to thrive.

At the state level, the money set aside for individual departments could be decreased anywhere from \$500 million to \$700 million, according to Provost Doug Dunham. Such a decrease in the budget will more than likely result in about a five to 20 percent cut from the budget of Missouri higher education institutions.

Last Wednesday, Governor Nixon met with the presidents of both four year and two year institutions to touch base.

"The gist of the meeting was basically that the consensus numbers for the revenues in the state in the month of December were better than we anticipated," Dunham said. "Which is a good sign."

Dunham went on to explain that with the "revenue picture for the next fiscal year" turning out better than anticipated; it will relieve some pressure from the budget. Also discussed, was the governor's appreciation for the presidents and their teams collaboration and cooperation in working toward cost efficient institutions.

"The governor basically expressed his gratitude for the state's higher education and each of our institution's response to his four goals," Mark Hornickel, media specialist for University Advancement, said.

The goals set by Gov. Nixon were: to not duplicate programs, go through academic review, become more collaborative and to become leaner and share funding.

One of the biggest of the four goals presented to the colleges and universities was academic review and looking at what programs can be cut. Northwest has confirmed the eight programs that will be cut after currently enrolled students have graduated. These programs are humanities, statistics, alternative energy, physics, physics education, sociology, restaurant and food management and M.S. in Quality.

Along with the eight programs being cut, the University is also collaborating with Southeast Missouri State University on an economics degree program where students will be able to take courses related to that major online.

But with the possible 20 percent budget loss, getting rid of those programs may not turn out to be enough.

"We are preparing for appropriations cuts anywhere from 10 to 20 percent, but we're hoping it will be lower than that," Hornickel said. "This is a transformational time in

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THE SPIRIT AND Truth Gospel choir performed halftime at the men's basketball game Monday night in honor of Martin Luther King. Led by choir director Sam Salary they sang "Everybody (Clap your hands)."

Goo Goo Dolls to make visit for Spring Concert

By Amanda Schulte-Smith
Features Editor

A sweet sound is about to rip through the air in Maryville as the Student Activities Council announced that The Goo Goo Dolls will headline this year's spring concert. The concert will be April 15th, in the Lamkin Arena. The name of the opening band will be released at a later date.

Senior Patrick Solomon, Student Activities Council concert director, presented the possible Spring concert artists varying from 311 to Ke\$ha to the student population in hope of providing an artist that the students themselves would choose.

"I did a survey for the spring concert with a genre of alternative," Solomon said. "The Goo Goo Dolls weren't actually on the survey because we didn't think we could get them financially."

Solomon said The Goo Goo Dolls were not initially on the list, but when the band opened up he placed a bid immediately.

"The day the opportunity presented itself and we found out we could get them, we jumped on it and presented our offer," Solomon said. "The whole process took two weeks to confirm."

In order to avoid another sell out like last semester,

"The day the opportunity presented itself and we found out we could get them, we jumped on it."

Patrick Solomon

Solomon looked into a bigger venue to host the band.

"The fall concert sold out pretty quickly so in the spring we wanted to put it in a bigger venue to give students an equal opportunity to get in," Solomon said.

SAC hopes to draw a larger crowd than in the past as tickets open initially to students, but are also available for the band's fan club and the general public on later dates.

"The Goo Goo Dolls are a pretty big name so we have a lot of promotions set up and expect a turnout from surrounding cities, not just Maryville," Solomon said.

Sophomore Chance Long missed SAC's official announcement of the concert on X106 Tuesday night.

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FISCAL YEAR 2012 OUTLOOK

- Most of the federal stabilization dollars are gone
- An economic recovery appears to be slow
- Missouri faces an estimated \$822 million shortfall

WHAT IS CAUSING THE BUDGET CRISIS ... THE ECONOMY

- National recession
- Record high levels of unemployment: Missouri 9.3% (Sept. 2010, Bureau of Labor Statistic)
- Deep fiscal crisis: 39 States expect budget shortfalls in Fiscal year 2012

Stats from "The Missouri Budget Project" from mobudget.org

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KEVIN BIRDSSELL | CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST

THE ERASE THE Waste program on campus is helping the Union do away with unwanted trash. You can purchase your reusable container for \$5 from any cashier.

Senate ends up with extra cash

By Trey Williams
News Editor

Student Senate is given the money every year to help promote the interest of the student body by supplying them with the funds they need.

However, they have found it somewhat challenging to get the word out to students about their willingness to help student organizations. According to Student Senate treasurer Andrew Maddux, over the last few years they have been left with approximately \$6,000 at the end of the year.

"We want to reach out more to let students know there is money available," Maddux said.

A bulk of the money from

Student Senate's budget is used to help student organizations. The 2010-2011 budget allots \$16,000 to that specifically. Maddux said they usually help organizations pay for conferences and events they may be hosting. They also give money to help Northwest Week in the spring, the Tower Service Awards and special giveaways that go on during homecoming week.

"We've put into play that we do spend all the funds and that we spend them correctly," Maddux said.

This is an important aspect for Student Senate since last year they were required to give their leftover funds back to the University at the end of the year. They want to make sure the students receive the money they need.

"We understand we might not have the opportunity to give as much in the future so we want to take advantage while we can," Maddux said.

Along with the \$6,000 the University took back, Student Senate decided to give 10 percent of their budget back to the University. Maddux said that was their way of helping out while the University undergoes budget cuts. They have also been looking at their budget to see what they might be able to cut.

"We weren't asked to do so specifically, but we did look at what we could go without," Maddux said. "We want to give senate and students everything they need and want, but while doing our part with the economic times at hand."

Staff interviews underway

Residential Life's job selection process begins

By Leslie Nelson
Assistant News Editor

Reliable, hard-working, energetic, enthusiastic, positive, trainable, approachable and open-minded. These are the qualities that Residential Life is looking for in students applying to be part of their team for the 2011-2012 school year.

According to Brad Whitsell, Dietrich's hall director, the most important of these is the ability to be yourself.

"We're looking for someone who's real," Whitsell said.

With information sessions taking place earlier this week, the application and selection process is already underway.

"The process is open right now," Meghan Davis, Residential Life area coordinator, said.

Interested students can fill out an application on the My Northwest webpage.

Being part of the Residential Life team has many benefits. Along with a scholarship for a private room, Aladine and a monthly paycheck, employees also gain people and leadership skills.

"It's a great way to meet people," said Davis. "You really get to help people."

Whitsell was a part of the Residential Life staff while in college. Originally planning to become a teacher, he gave that up to continue working in residential life.

"It's life changing," he explained.

Although the position comes with many perks, it also comes with a lot of re-

sponsibility.

"When you're in the building, you could still be working," Davis explained. "You're going to put a lot more work into it than the monetary amount you make."

Matt Beckendorf, assistant director of Residential Life, encourages anyone who is interested to apply.

"We like to have a diverse staff," Beckendorf said.

Each year, around 80 to 100 students apply. This year, only about 40 positions are open.

"It can be a very competitive process," Davis said.

Six position options are available: Resident Assistant, Academic Resource Consultant in Hall, Building Relationships and Integrating Diverse Growth Experience, Desk Manager, Desk Assistant and Peer Educator in Residence for Technology. Each offers different resources for students living on campus.

Applications are due Feb. 4 at 5 p.m. The interview process begins March 13.

"They'll come in and do various things. There's a couple group processes so they're active and they're working with a team," Davis said.

The interview focuses on how the candidates work in groups.

"We all went to the Union and they each had a different kind of activity," sophomore Cassie Goeden, current resident assistant, said. "They put you in groups like teambuilding."

There's also a an individual interview with a current staff member.

"It's a great process. I think it's a good way for candidates to showcase who they are," Davis said.

Six available positions

Resident Assistant

RAs live on each floor of residence halls. They help to maintain a feeling of community on each floor and are available for any counseling and guidance, whether in the residence halls or not.

Academic Resource Consultant in Hall

ARCHs live in each building. They help residents with academic resources. They offer study tips, tutoring and advice on classes.

Building Relationships and Integrating Diverse Growth Experience

BRIDGEs work with the International and Inter-cultural Center to educate residents about other cultures and maintain an environment open to diversity.

Desk Manager

Desk managers supervise one or two residence hall front desks. They train and supervise DAs.

Desk Assistant

DAs work the front desks in each residence hall. They are available for questions help with mail and equipment check-out.

Peer Educator in Residence for Technology

PERTs live in each building to assist residents with technology. They help set up University laptops and answer any technology questions.

Weekend Events

Jan 21 Friday

All Day

Art Exhibit: Northwest Department of Art Faculty

Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building Artwork by faculty in the Department of Art will be displayed in the Olive DeLuce Gallery Jan. 10 through Jan. 21.

Room Change Week

Contact your Hall Director for details.

Sigma Society Rush Week

Track & Field at Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational, Lincoln, Neb.

9:00 a.m.

Six Traits of Writing Grades 5-8

J.W. Jones Student Union Additional meeting date is March 3. For more information or to enroll

<https://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/ActivityProfile.asp?D=11005&I=793924&H=1>

Jan 22 Saturday

All Day

Four-State Honor Music Festival

Sigma Society Rush Week

Winter Green & White Visit Day

J.W. Jones Student Union Designed for freshmen, sophomores and those who are in the early stages of their search.

8:00 a.m.

SAT

Colden Hall

1:30 p.m.

Women's basketball vs. Emporia State

Lamkin Activity Center 1:30 p.m. in Bearcat Arena

3:30 p.m.

Men's basketball vs. Emporia State

Lamkin Activity Center 3:30 p.m. in Bearcat Arena

Jan 23 Sunday

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ABOVE: MARYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL utilizes multiple video cameras throughout the school to protect students from violence. With cameras covering almost every square foot of the school, inside and out, the facility seems prepared for any sort of outbreak that could occur. BELOW: FIRE ALARMS NEAR exits help ensure students have multiple outlets in case of an emergency. The high school offered fire alarms, bells, extinguishers and clearly labeled exits for students to escape.

Schools review kid’s safety

After recent shootings, Maryville looks to security

By Leslie Nelson
Assistant News Editor

Robert Butler, Jr., was suspended from Omaha’s Mil-lard South High School around 9 a.m. on Jan. 5. About four hours later, Butler returned to school armed with his father’s gun. Five minutes later, he shot both the principal and assistant principal. Later that evening, assistant principal Vicki Kaspar died from her injuries.

Violence, unfortunately, does happen in a place where teens should feel safe.

High schools around the nation have had to increase security and plan for the unex-pected, praying that they will never need to react to such a tragedy.

This month’s incident in Omaha has Mid-west high schools wondering if a similar event

could happen even closer to home. “It’s hard to prepare for that,” Jason Eggers, Maryville High School’s principal, said. MHS does all that they can to ensure the safety of its students.

“We’ve been able to be proactive,” Assistant Principal Thom Alvarez said.

MHS installed cameras in the hallways to increase secu-rity.

Another proactive step was to narrow down entrances into MHS from many to a few. The entrances are monitored. The main entrance passes by the of-fice, where visitors must sign in and wear a pass with a nametag. All other doors are locked during the day and only unlock when the school day is over when stu-dents are dismissed.

The high school also em-ploys a School Resource Offi-cer.

“He is a liaison between us and the schools,”

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Missouri finds alternative cuts

By Trey Williams
News Editor

With budget cuts hap-pening across the U.S., some states like Illinois plan to institute a tax in-crease to off set budget decreases, but Missouri is turning the other cheek and looking toward alternative possibilities.

The Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry plans to move forward and improve Missouri’s econo-my through smart legisla-tive decisions.

“While we too are chal-lenged by a potentially large budget deficit in Missouri, we are not going to throw in the towel on our work-ers and employers,” Daniel Mehan, president and CEO

of the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Indus-try, said. “I am confident our lawmakers are going to make responsible budget decisions when the time comes this legislative sea-son and provide ways to grow our economy, not de-stroy it.”

In an attempt to see the economy prosper without an increase in taxes, Mis-souri legislators have a pro-job agenda. Included in their agenda are workers’ compensation reform, em-ployment law reform, tort reform, unemployment in-surance bonding, minimum wage reform and capping Missouri’s franchise tax.

Karen Buschmann, vice president of commu-nications for the Missouri

Chamber of Commerce, said the reason Missouri legislators are able to look at these alternatives instead of a tax increase, is due to the hard work that has been done in past years.

“If they hadn’t made the tough decisions in the past, we would be worse off than we are right now,” Buschmann said.

Increasing taxes for residents was never in the cards for Missouri leg-islators. According to Buschmann, tax increases are something that many, including Governor Nixon, just did not approve of in any situation.

“Now is not the time to raise taxes when you’re try-ing to better the economy,” Buschmann said.

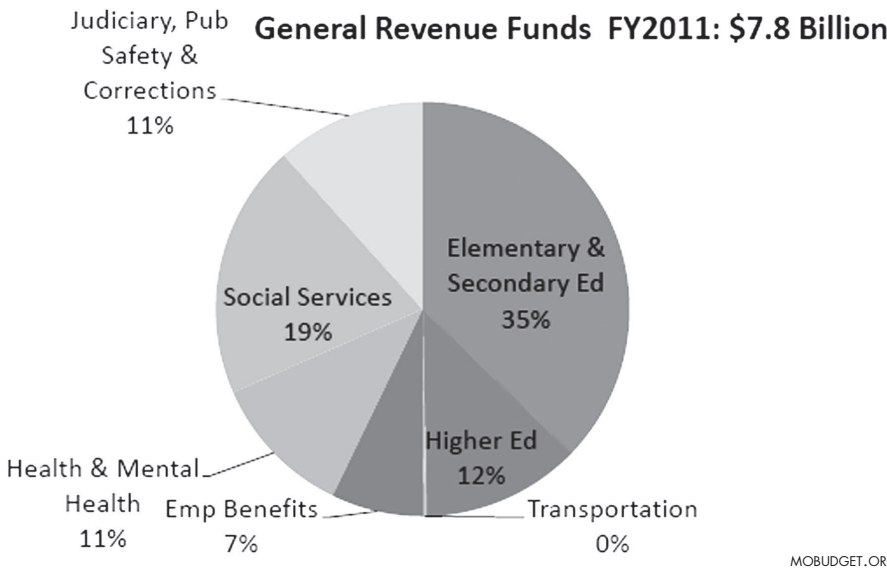
Missouri State Budget: General Revenue Funds

A slow economy translates into a weak government, according to the Mis-souri Budget Project. Of the regular Gen-eral Revenue Funds, 26 percent comes from sales tax alone.

Some policy makers chide the tax system for being stodgy and inflexible.

For example, sales tax does not include internet sales. Our tobacco tax, at 17 cents per pack, are the lowest in the na-tion.

The General Assembly will evaluate these issues while struggling to recover the state budget in the upcoming months.



Meeting to improve Maryville community

By Leslie Nelson
Assistant News Editor

Maryville Citizens for Community Action’s 14th annual planning meeting will be Monday, Jan. 24 at First Christian Church’s fellowship hall.

The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. and will last about two hours. A lunch of soup and bread will be served.

The meeting, hosted

by Maryville’s Chamber of Commerce, will al-low representatives from Maryville’s various service clubs and organizations to share information about their groups.

Each group will have about a minute to give an overview of its plans for the year.

The meeting’s discus-sions will help plan ideas for bettering the commu-nity.

Maryville Chamber of Commerce is in charge of bringing tourism and resi-dents to Maryville, Johnna Beemer, Chamber Presi-dent, said.

“The other side is to promote economic growth within the community, trying to help our small businesses,” Beemer said.

If interested in attend-ing the meeting, an RSVP to the Chamber at 582-8643 is required by today.

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Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Jan. 7
There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at 200 block West 2nd Street.

Cory J. Brennan, 24, city, was charged with Driving while Intoxicated at 100 block West 3rd Street.

There were three bicycles recovered at 1000 block North Country Road.

Jan. 8
There was an industrial fire at 600 block Wilson Industrial Road.

Jan 10
Carlton A. Myles, 20, city, was charged with WOW – FTA at 400 block North Market.

Danielle R. Wardlow, 21, city, was charged with WOW – FTA.

Jan. 11
Kasey D. Porter, 17, city, and Mariah M. Cline, 18, city, were charged with larceny at 1600 block South Main.

Curtis B. Blackshear Jr., 27, Kansas City, MO was charged WOW – FTA at 400 block North Market.

Nathaniel P. Wood, 18, city, was charged with C&I at 1200 block North Main.

Jan. 12
Justin M. Moore, 21, Bolckow, MO, was charged with Displaying Plates of Another at 900 block North Main.

There is a smoke investigation at 600 block East 7th Street.

Dennis L. Clark, 55, Clarinda, IA, was charged with driving while suspended on U.S. HWY 71 & U.S. HWY 136.

Jan. 14
Alice B. Simpson, 57, city, was charged with C&I driving at 1200 block South Main.

Jan. 16
Monty E. Parkhurst, 46, city, was charged with driving while suspended and displaying the plates of another vehicle at 100 block North Main.

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OUR VIEW

Missouri budget woes

Life as a poor college student braving 12-degree temperatures can be difficult, but it could be worse. We could all be Missouri legislators trying to compensate for a \$600 million hole in our budget in a time of sinking tax revenue.

Missouri's government is low on money because Missouri's residents are, too. State tax revenues plummeted 15 percent from 2008 to 2010, or about \$1.2 billion, according to news website Bloomberg. Nixon's red stamp has been busy; the democratic governor has already cut \$300 million from this year's fiscal budget, which is roughly half of the proposed cut. And it is not just Missouri. We are one of 39 states expecting budget shortfalls in fiscal year 2012.

Just like a warehouse department store ad, the state is passing on their savings – or cuts – to you. Nixon cut funds for the need-based Access Missouri scholarship by \$50 million, down to \$32 million. Bright Flight is also go-

ing under the scalpel. Originally, the achievement-based scholarship awarded \$3,000 annually to students scoring in the top 3 percent of the ACT or SAT, and \$1,000 to those scoring in the top 4 percent. This year, the top tier will receive only \$1,500 and the next tier will receive nothing.

At the same time, colleges across the state are expected to raise tuition. Due to a state-implemented safeguard, the increase cannot be more than 5.2 percent, but it will be an increase nonetheless.

Missouri higher education budget proposals piled up on Nixon's desk, reportedly asking for more than last year. Nixon's State of the State address Wednesday announced a meager budget already, without regard to the new proposals. In summary, students will have to pay more tuition with less financial aid for a grossly under-budget college education. Nevermind – maybe life as a college student really is that bad.



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THIS SIGHT FACES Missouri policy makers for the next several months. Governor Jay Nixon announced his budget recommendation Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Curriculum crunch

By Philip Gruenwald
Associate Editor

The problem with state-supported institutions is the binding shackles of public funding. When present, there are stipulations that mandate everything from curriculum content, textbook circulation periods and much more. When absent, we are left to make do with our resources, sometimes forced to cut corners.

President John Jasinski and the Northwest Leadership Team have sworn up and down that the University budget deficit from decreased state funding would not be compensated by a drastic increase in tuition. That is no surprise from an administration tied to student success.

Yet another force is keeping that tuition nice and low. Should Northwest raise tuition above last year's growth of the consumer price index, we face a penalty fee from the Missouri Department of Higher Education that would withhold 5 percent of state appropriations for the current fiscal year, according to a Missouri law called Senate Bill 389. Even without funds, we have restrictions on the way we meet our own budget.

The Northwest Leadership Team, along with input from faculty, staff and students, have implemented innovative ways to save a few bucks in response to the state budget cuts for higher education. As a result, we are the minority of colleges and universities nationwide who have not only retained faculty positions, but increased them.

The cuts have to come

from somewhere, however. The most recent curriculum crunch, a mandate given from state authorities, beget a collaborative effort between universities across the state. Students will soon have access to a sports economics course, for example, by taking it online through curriculum set up by Missouri Southern, Southeast Missouri State and others.

This is certainly much more practical from a financial point of view, but the result is a

diluted classroom experience. Gone is Northwest's competitive student to teacher ratio, replaced by a computer monitor. Gone is a classroom of raised hands, ready to interact with other

students. The hands instead reach from computer mice to keyboards in silence. There is a proven benefit to the classic, tweedy and pedagogical approach to education, even if it is literally "old school."

Northwest's plans are a noble response to the state budget cuts, but we are chipping away at the foundations of this institution. We should not have to do this. State legislators need to realize that their future income comes from successful citizens, which statistically are college graduates. The minute universities like Northwest cease to adequately prepare students for success in the business world, the amount of available tax monies likewise drops.

This is a hard time for the United States, and Missouri is no exception. Cuts have to be made. Please tell your representatives to cut from somewhere besides our future.

“This is a hard time for the United States, and Missouri is no exception.”

CAMPUS TALK

What is one way Northwest can cut back on spending?



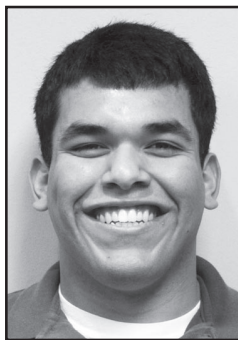
“We could cut back on the heating in the buildings. It's way too hot all the time. You can definitely cut down on that. That's what layers and blankets are for.”

David Fleming
Art Education



“The garnishes that JW's adds to everyone's meals, I believe we could do without those.”

Sarah Hudson
English



“We could probably cut back on the cost of paper by doing everything via e-mail rather than having to do a lot of print outs.”

Pete Trujillo
Bio Psych



“The University prides itself on recycling, so one thing they could do is get rid of the trash cans and focus more on the recycling bins.”

Melissa Watson
Advertising



“We could do something with the phone system. The cost of the individual lines is a lot more than what cell phones cost.”

Asst. Prof. Dan Smith
Department of History, Philosophy, Humanities and Political Science



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Health care updates from the Oval Office

By Philip Gruenwald
Associate Editor

Ask any informed American citizen about Obama's health care reform initiative, and you will likely get an earful. Whether a ready advocate or a staunch opponent, the so-called “Obamacare” electrified the airwaves with heated discussion about bipartisanship, Socialism and taxpayer obligation.

More importantly, the debate introduced a generation to the idea of health care reform. In a USA Today poll, 25 percent of respondents want the health care law to be kept but reduced, while 24 percent say it did not reach far enough. Another 32 percent said it should be completely thrown out and only 13 percent say it should stay as is.

As Obama works with a Republican Congress to come to a sensible and bipartisan agreement, the rest of the nation watches as Washington makes health care history – for good or for

bad.

The remainder of this column is a release from Obama himself talking about his baby, the health care reform bill. History will tell whether or not he introduced the bill at the right time. One one hand, he took full advantage of a Democratic Congress while he had the chance. However, it showed a distraction from the main goal he promised during his campaigns: to fix the economy.

Introducing President Obama

Today, the American people have greater health security than they did a year ago. Because of the Affordable Care Act, Americans no longer have to live in fear that insurance companies will drop or cap their coverage if they get sick, or that they'll face double-digit premium increases with no accountability or recourse. Small businesses across the country can take advantage of a new health care tax credit to offer coverage to their employees, and chil-

dren suffering from an illness or pre-existing condition can no longer be denied coverage. Parents now can add their adult children up to age 26 to their health plans, and all Americans on new plans can access preventive care to keep them healthy with no additional out of pocket costs. Older Americans are seeing better benefits, lower prescription drug costs, and a stronger Medicare. And the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office reports that improvements in health care delivery system as a result of this law will reduce federal deficits by over a trillion dollars in the next two decades.

So I'm willing and eager to work with both Democrats and Republicans to improve the Affordable Care Act. But we can't go backward. Americans deserve the freedom and security of knowing that insurance companies can't deny, cap, or drop their coverage when they need it the most, while taking meaningful steps to curb runaway health care costs.

WHAT THE DEUCE

Man uses gun, terror to expediate court case



MCT CAMPUS

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. resident Marin Stroia calmly walked into the Broward County Courthouse last Friday, pointed his loaded gun to his chin and asked to talk to someone about his divorce case. The 59-year-old man simply wanted someone to talk to about child support, according to Judge Joel Lazarus.

“He was ranting and raving about his divorce situation, but not incoherently,” Lazarus said in an interview with the Palm Beach Post News. “He needed to vent, he needed someone to listen to his problems.”

Stroia reportedly entered the courthouse, shown here, at 9:25 a.m. without disguise and wielding a handgun loaded with one round. He owed \$5,500 in child support, according to the Palm Beach Post News. Lazarus spoke with him for a few minutes about his divorce case and eventually convinced him to surrender his gun.

After the media flood following the Gabrielle Giffords shooting in Arizona, it is no surprise that Stroia decided to use a gun to seek attention. Witnesses told authorities that he appeared mentally sound through the entire process, which means that Stroia reasonably decided that his firearm would be appropriate leverage to see a judge immediately.

This is more terrifying than the typically deranged gunmen who make the news. They enter public buildings loaded with shotguns and schizophrenia – Stroia was simply a healthy middle-aged man, albeit an impatient one. As lawmakers discuss looser concealed weapon laws, consider the potential damage an armed yet mentally sound person can inflict.

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BUDGET

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Northwest history and we as a University need to take charge of our destiny.”

In doing so, the University will need a lot of help from all of its departments. And they are getting it.

“All the work that Environmental Services has been doing really stands out,” Hornickel said.

To date, Environmental Services has saved more than \$419,000 just by doing campus improvements in-house and about \$13 million saved by using alternative fuels.

With so many changes

taking place throughout the year and into next school year, there is certainly one thing that will stand out to students above the rest. Although talk around campus in the beginning of the year suggested otherwise, tuition will see an increase for next year.

“Students are likely to see an increase in tuition next year, and are likely to see an increase in room and board as well,” Dunham said. “We don’t know what those are yet, but what I can say definitively is no matter what the state decides to cut, we are not going to make it up on the backs of the students.”

With all that is being done to reach the cost efficiency goal that both the governor and the Univer-

sity have set, Dunham and the rest of the Northwest Leadership Team are making sure not to “impede the quality of service or instruction to the students.”

“We’re really trying to set a tone,” Hornickel said. “We need to be prepared for things that may affect us down the road.”

Looking down the road however, it seems as if there is a light at the end of the tunnel to get the state away from its current issues.

Brad Lager, Missouri’s 12th district state senator, has been working on this budget battle with fellow state officials. He said it is time for them to take a step back and look at what other departments, appropriates and other ac-

cessories that can either be cut or shared. This will help the state save money for the short term and become more cost efficient in the long haul.

“We’re going through a methodical process to optimize the delivery of services in a way that makes government more efficient and effective,” Lager said.

He said they had neglected to really address the budget problem in past years, instead just “kicking the can down the road.” And now they are going through a restructuring process.

Lager and the team he is working with have recently started a four week process of gathering information and coming up with ways to cohesively

implement the governor’s budget suggestion for Missouri’s two and four year institutions and the state’s budget as a whole.

Lager has his reason as to why it took the state so long to realize the need to change the current system.

“There are too many elected officials who don’t understand state finances,” Lager said. “They’re just motivated by politics.”

Although the budget battle is one that state and University officials have been fighting for what seems like a long while now, it has really only just begun. No budget nor appropriations cuts are official until Missouri’s General Assembly meets in May.

BOSTWICK

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The only thing we’re going to try and change or tweak is if we think we can improve on it.”

Bostwick has already showed his ability to improve by hiring three additions to his staff whom at one point or another were named to All-MIAA teams: Kenny Gordon, Joel Osborn and newcomer Zack Watkins, a graduate assistant who played at Washburn.

Even with the graduation of 20 seniors, Bostwick leans on the same expectations the program has built its foundation on since the arrival of Tjeerdsma and Bostwick.

“There’s not going to be any letdown,” Bostwick said. “The bar has been set very high and we’re ready for the challenge.”

While the new head coach has emphasized that he and the staff do not plan on overhauling the program, Bostwick did put to rest any questions fans are having about his trademark attire.

“I’m not wearing the red hat anymore...” Bostwick said. “Time to put it to rest and now the guys don’t have to see me running around the sideline. They’ll just hear me now.”

DOLLS

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“I love The Goo Goo Dolls, actually,” Long, political science major,

said. “Hopefully I get to the line before it runs out.”

The band made famous by their album A Boy Named Goo released in 1995, has taken the United States through a

whirlwind of music genius for the last decade, releasing more than 14 top 10 singles.

The band, led by guitarist and lead singer, John Rzeznik, has constantly wowed fans and

listeners with its evolving sound. Rzeznik has not seemed to age a bit over the last couple of years as he was recently added into the songwriters hall of fame in 2008.

Tickets will be on sale

Tuesday, March 1 for students at \$7 a ticket. Students will be limited to one ticket per person until tickets are made available to the general public on Thursday, March 10 for \$14.

SCHOOL

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Keith Wood, director of Public Safety, said.

During the nine-month school year, Officer Josh McMillen works full-time at MHS to help prevent and handle any emergencies.

Classrooms are also equipped with crisis manuals.

“Every teacher knows where it is in their room,” Trudy Kinman, English and speech teacher, said.

It is more than just knowing where the manual is. The faculty and staff are also well trained in the procedures in case of an emergency.

“We actually attend meetings and talk about the crisis manual,”

Kinman said.

The school also holds drills randomly throughout the year to ensure that the staff and students know what to do in the event of an emergency.

“(A shooting) is one of those events you can train for,” Eggers said.

These drills and security procedures are enough to make the students and staff feel prepared and safe.

Kinman feels that she will be kept safe. Her students do too.

“I think the kids feel quite confident and safe,” she said.

Eggers and Alvarez know that the Maryville community and public safety department will help in the event of an emergency.

“You never know what’s going to happen, but having a community that supports the school definitely helps,” Eggers explained.

DRAKE

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but yeah I feel like we’ve beaten some teams that I didn’t really expect us to beat just based on how many kids we had out.”

Both Twaddle and sophomore Jordan Zech, a returning state qualifier from last season, have contributed as leaders inside the wrestling room and on the mat.

The two wrestlers have also benefited from the presence of the other, constantly relying on each other as drilling partners.

For Twaddle, the

lone senior in the ‘Hounds’ lineup, the lack of numbers is nothing new to him as he was one of a few wrestlers who ever took the mat in his graduation class.

“I’ve had one or two, maybe, in my grade that’s wrestled with me all along...I’m kind of used to it by now,” Twaddle said.

The squad turns their attention to Saturday’s Midland Empire Conference Tournament, where a strong Cameron squad, as well as the rest of the MEC, awaits the ‘Hounds.

Wrestling begins at 10:00 a.m. at Savannah High School.

HOUNDS

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to open up on offense.

“They did good coming out playing hard,” senior guard Shannon McClellan said. “We’re going to get the best of pretty much every team just because of how well we did last year. We just had to take our time and realize we’re used to being pressured in practice by the younger girls, so we just had to take control.”

Gadbois led the way with 13 points and 10 rebounds in the victory. McClellan added 12 points, including three 3-pointers.

“We could have done better in the first half taking care of the ball,” Hageman

said. “That will be the focus in practice because we have to be able to handle man-to-man pressure like that if we expect to do well in conference play.”

Maryville continues to struggle to stay healthy. Senior Mataya Wooten was forced to miss the action due to illness. Junior Kaylee Green suffered another injury, a concussion, in Friday’s victory in Falls City.

“We’re shuffling things a little bit, but that’s not an excuse for the way we played first half,” Hageman said. “Obviously we missed those two girls tonight but we could have done better in the first half taking care of the ball.”

The ‘Hounds travel to Clarinda (Iowa) tonight to take on the Cardinals. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

CANDACE AND ALEXIS Boeh speak with girls Sunday at a basketball clinic. The Boeh sisters, along with the Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization, put on the basketball clinic.



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BOEH

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about basketball which we love to play.”

The event was an opportunity to continue building on the team’s strong chemistry.

“We’re all here for each other,” senior post Kyla Roehrig said. “It’s like a family within a family. ... On the court and off the court we’re friends. We’re going to do whatever it takes to help each other out, in tough times or when we need something.”

Lynette Harbin, director of Nodaway County Big Brothers Big Sisters, said the event’s goal was to increase the program’s exposure and to give an activity for the members in the slow winter months. Harbin says that the organization relies on the children, adults and monetary donations to keep the program running.

“The Boeh girls are the most amazing set of twins I have met in a very, very long time,” Harbin said. “They are so community minded, they are caring. They want to give back...They have been wonderful to work with. They come to me with ideas. They want to know how they can help. They got all these other girls on board to come spend their Sunday afternoon to help out our organization. I can’t say enough good things about them. They are great.”

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Reading pups

Trained canine participates in reading therapy

By Amanda Schulte-Smith
Features Editor

Maryville Public Library is helping kids learn to read and build confidence with the help of Sam, their reading therapy dog.

"Reading Pups" is a program provided by the library that provides a relaxed, dog-friendly atmosphere, allowing students to practice the skill of reading. The objective is to help the student become comfortable with reading by being placed in a judgement-free setting, allowing them to follow a pace that is comfortable and educational.

"It helps to read to a non-judgmental listener. We tell them all the time that Sam loves to hear you sound the words out, and it really does help them become more comfortable with reading," trainer Sherry Springer said.

Springer introduced the idea to the library after reading about it online and training her dog, Sam, with the necessary steps to becoming a reading therapy dog.

"I had taught him basic obedience skills and then had found online what other owners had trained theirs to do reading therapy and decided it would be a good idea," Springer said. "After his training was complete, he had an hour test in Des Moines to certify him."

Sam's patience proves evident during the

sessions. He sits patiently while each student reads and allows them to interact with him and pet him when they finish a book.

"Sam is very professional. He knows when we put his bandanna on, it's time to work," says Springer.

Sam has been working with the students since last summer. Parents say the training really does help and have noticed significant changes with their children.

Cathy Lovins says her son Israel enjoys working with the dog and the experience has truly helped.

"Israel has really loved it. His motivation has improved and he is getting a lot out of it," Lovins said.

The students are placed in a quiet setting separated from parents to read with the dog and trainer. This helps the student focus on reading without distraction.

Librarian Elizabeth Argo says the program has a great set-up in order to help the student become a better reader. She has been taking her daughter, Gabrielle, for the past year.

"They ask the parents to leave so the reader can focus their attention on the book. I think it's best for Gabrielle because she isn't distracted by having me with her," Argo said.

Springer and Sam work with the Reading Pups program twice a week. They even provide opportunities at St. Gregory's School to get more students involved and learning. The program is open for any age looking to build confidence in reading and more information can be found through the Maryville Public Library.

"It really does help them become more comfortable with reading."

Sherry Springer
Trainer

For more information, please contact Maryville Public Library at 660-582-5281 or online at maryvillepubliclibrary.lib.mo.us



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TOP: GABRIELLE ARGO PRACTICES reading to Sam during her Reading Pups time at Maryville Public Library. ABOVE: ISRAEL LOVINS READS aloud a book he wrote for school, to Sam a therapy dog.



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HIDDEN TREASURES

Creativity awakened from the depths of the pit

By Amanda Schulte-Smith
Features Editor

Hidden beneath classrooms and studios lies a fortress of creativity and artistic community. This society of artists, sculptors, painters and photographers all call the Pit home.

Given its name because of its location and shape, the Pit has been home to Northwest students and faculty for decades. Art students find it to be one of the greatest places to study and focus their attention on their work.

The Pit, located in the basement of the Charles Johnson Theatre, was created for art students since its opening in the early 1960s.

This basement hideaway can be a bit overwhelming to the naive, but to the students that work there, it is their place to make both artwork and memories.

Steve Banks, a previous student and current teacher at Northwest, says the Pit has been a place of many good times and laughter. The Pit not only serves as a private studio for students, but as a community of artists working together and making memories while doing so.

"It is like our union for art students. The bulk of my memories at Northwest were down in the Pit," teacher Steve Banks said.

Aside from its initially mysterious interior, the Pit serves as a great place to explore and find new ideas. There is evidence everywhere of students past and present; the markings on the wall and floor are simply stories waiting to be told. Graffiti, old pictures and sculptures left and right are the fingerprints of talented students willing to share their creativity with the public.

"The Pit has always evolved over time," teacher Bob Schultz said.

The Pit once served as the central location for all art classes, including ceramics. Before the new Fine Arts building was constructed, all ceramics, drilling projects and even welding projects took place in the basement of the Charles Johnson Theatre. Although the Pit still houses many of the older machines used for firing and welding projects, the history of the Pit is astonishing as it has been home to thousands of art projects over the years. The artwork of students past

can be seen throughout the entire basement, serving as inspiration to new students and adding to the Pit's character.

No matter how long you look, there is always something new that can be found around you. Sculptures dangling from the ceiling and paintings and drawings hung on the walls create a sanctuary for anyone who finds themselves wandering around.

"At night sometimes when the lights are off and everyone has gone home it can be scary, but you're not alone. You are constantly surrounded by art," Schultz said.

The Pit poses as an escape for many art students looking to get away from the chaos of the classroom, and find a place of peace to allow their imagination wander. The solitude of the basement makes a secluded workspace for students and teachers to put everything they have into their work.

"It's kind of nice to escape the wildness of the upstairs. The designated studios allow us to get away and focus our attention on our work," senior Chadric Devin said.

The size of the Pit gives art students a chance to bring in any idea or experience from the outside, no matter what size, shape or color. Inspiration from outside those basement walls can be molded into something great in the individual studios.

"This is a place of work. It is a place that gives us a chance to implement our ideas into our work. I can grab my ideas elsewhere and put them into effect here," junior Kate Horvat said.

Not only does the Pit serve as a place to put ideas into artwork, but as an opportunity to influence and inspire the students working inside.

"The Pit has a surreal environment for students to be in. There are projects all over to look at, you get influenced by everyone else," Schultz said.

It is a secret layer of unimaginable history. The Pit is a chance for art students to get away from the hustle and bustle of a classroom setting and put their ideas into place. The Pit has served as a home to many exotic, imaginative projects that can breed ideas to students looking for inspiration and will continue to do so for years to come.



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ABOVE: PHOTOGRAPHY MAJOR CHADRIC Devin works on drawings in his studio, located in the Pit of the Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building, on Monday. LEFT: DUSTIN POWELL SKETCHES himself in the Pit, on Tuesday.



LORI FRANKENFIELD | CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST

ART PROFESSOR BOB Schultz makes a ceramic bowl in his work area in the Pit on Monday. The Pit used to be the main location for all the art classes, including ceramics.

What's HOT

Zumba
This dance-style aerobics class has everyone running to the nearest gym or Wii, just to try it.

The Social Network
From Critic's Choice to Golden Globe Awards, this movie has been taking all the credit as this year's movie to see.

NBC's Perfect Couple
This new sitcom, premiering tonight, is getting a lot of buzz about its comical interpretation of modern couples.

What's NOT

Winter Weather
From snow to freezing rain and back again, this weather has Northwest students begging for it to just STOP!

Flooding in Montana
Predicted to be the worst flooding in years, Montana has been struggling to keep things dry.

Emma Stone going blonde
This redheaded beauty has shocked fans by dying her locks blonde.

Dilemma does not deliver

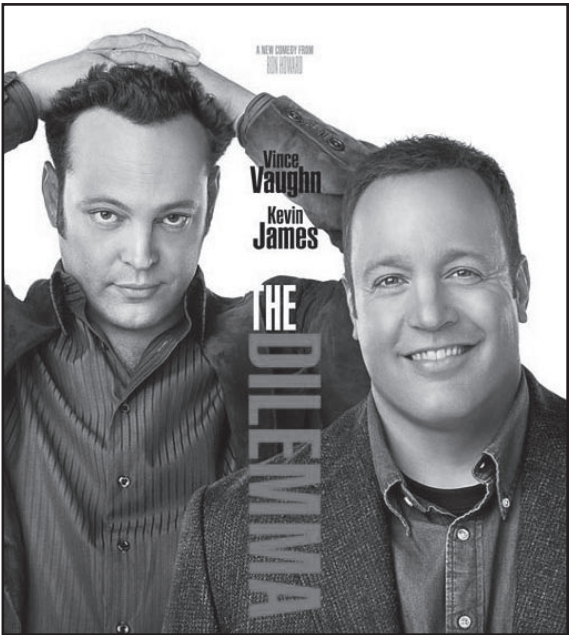
Too much drama, not enough comedy in disappointing plot

By Amanda Schulte-Smith
Features Editor

The movie "The Dilemma" proved to be a little more than just a comedy, adding a little too much drama into the mix. Vince Vaughn returns to the screen as his usual sarcastic self, this time partnering up with funny man Kevin James as a tag team of new age electric engine salesmen whose world is turned upside down after Ronny (Vaughn) sees his partner Nick's (James) wife cheating. The movie gave viewers an insight into the complicated lives of two best friends, creating a perfect setting for a comical look into the secrets they hide from each

other. The movie throws the audience for a loop with the introduction of some very serious issues in the lives of these two friends. Between marriage problems, gambling and deception, you have to almost remind yourself that it is supposed to be a comedy. Ronny, on top of finding out that his best friend's wife is cheating, is recovering from a previous gambling problem. His struggle with gambling along with Nick's marriage problems could have made for its own episode of "Days of Our Lives." Unfortunately, the hard-hitting storyline was confused with the movie's constant need for comic relief. Surprisingly, Vaughn handled the serious aspect of his character well but that was forgotten immediately after the release of his next smart-mouthed comment. James

and Vaughn tried to risk a serious role but diluted their acting skills by returning to the same goofy characters they always play as the story progressed. The movie was fair but should have gone one way or the other, comedy or drama, not both. The film unfortunately missed the mark by trying to be more drama than comedy, making the story much longer than necessary. Howard's skill for directing dramatic movies fell short when he tried to mix a little too much silliness in with it. The comedy/drama hybrid can be confusing at times, forcing the viewer to wonder, wasn't this supposed to be a comedy? Comedy or not, the movie had its ups and downs, making it worth seeing in theatres. But unless you have been dying to see it, wait for Redbox.



Director- Ron Howard	3/5 Paws
Release Date- January 14	
Distributor- Universal Pictures	Runtime- 1 hr 58 min
Rating- PG-13	Genre- Comedy

THE STROLLER

Meeting of the socially unacceptable

Greetings, everyone. This is another reminder that our next meeting will take place Tuesday afternoon in the Mel Carnahan Reading Room. I purposely chose that room because there are usually a handful of people studying quietly in there, so this could be a great way for all of them to hear about our group. We'll just have to make sure to speak loud enough so they can hear every word we say, including roll call and our weekly discussion of favorite "Sabrina the Teenage Witch" quotes. I want everyone to be there, especially Brody, the guy whose arms never rest completely at his

sides because he is probably just coming back from getting ripped at the gym. Brody, make sure you bring your milk jug filled with water so you stay hydrated. I would hate for you to walk anywhere without that thing. Also, you can have your Power Balance bracelet back. It was simply too effective and stylish for a non-athlete like me. Can someone inform Carol and Abby about the meeting? I want to make sure they are in their usual spot, carrying on a full conversation while standing in the middle of the doorway or while walking comatosely slow on a narrow

sidewalk in that holy 10 minutes between classes and it is impossible to pass them because the size of their winter coats would shame a fully grown musk ox. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you there. If you can't make it, just text me. You should all have my number from the chain text I sent you about how rubbing lip balm on your Scantron slips will ace the test. It's true. I saw it on MythBusters or something.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

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15 Ambient music pioneer
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17 Hemlock, for one
19 Grain disease
20 See 50-Down
22 Covet
23 Battery, bond or baseball club designation
24 Belgrade's land
27 Libel and slander disputes are part of it
32 See 50-Down
34 Brit. record co.
35 Spanish pronoun
36 Restful resort
37 Prayer opener
38 Old-fashioned get-together
39 See 50-Down
43 "Beanz meanz Heinz," e.g.
45 Truck capacity
46 AIDS-fighting drug
47 dire: juror examination
48 See 50-Down
54 Foreign
56 "The Dick Van Dyke Show" regular
57 Nast
58 Winter hazard
59 Family nickname
60 Tolerated
61 Gives the go-ahead
62 Tart fruit

Down
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2 Wander
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48 Skid row figure
49 Charlie's Angels, e.g.
50 Clue for 20-, 32-, 39- and 48-Across
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54 Summer coolers, briefly
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Following a legend may be easier than it really appears

History gives Bostwick good shot at being successful

Scott Bostwick has big shoes to fill. He follows the man that led Northwest out of football obscurity and into a national powerhouse. The expectations remain high for the Bearcats. Fans demand excellence and expect it to be delivered. Bostwick has been here and experienced the program at its worst and, more recently, at its best. The persona may be different, a fiery defensive coach, marked by his intensity and red hat, but the experience remains the same. Bostwick has been a coordinator for 26 years, the last 17 alongside Mel Tjeerdsma Field's name-sake. If history is any indication, Bostwick will be successful in following Tjeerdsma. Ray Perkins, Bear Bryant's successor at Alabama, went 32-15-1 in three seasons before jumping to the NFL. Frank Solich, who followed Tom Osborne at Nebraska went 58-19 in six seasons. Like Perkins and Solich, Bostwick will bring a different style to Bearcat football. He's defensive-minded, unlike Tjeerdsma, giving a lot of responsibility to assistant head coach Adam Dorrel. Dorrel was the most

important coach to retain after Bostwick was named head coach, he said it several times. The 'Cats will be as successful as Dorrel is at keeping his offense flowing without any of Tjeerdsma's input. The defense will be the same, opportunistic unit it has been under Bostwick, but Northwest will go as Dorrel goes. The choice of Bostwick as the 18th coach in school history makes the most sense, though. He's been here longer than any of the assistants. When Tjeerdsma had the press conference called and speculation began, everyone knew it would be Bostwick. The job was his to take and the other assistants told him so from the get go. However, the fact still remains that the 'Cats have a lot of experience to replace between the white lines. Northwest will have to replace 16 starters and the punter. A lot of successors were groomed this past season, especially at running back and on the defensive line, but quarterback and defensive back are big question marks for next year. Bostwick's success, at least early in his tenure, will be defined by how quickly new players can plug into the starting lineup and put wins on the board. As long as the last couple of recruiting classes have been taking notes and getting reps in practice, I don't see why the Bearcats can't be just as successful with the man in the red hat at the helm. Even if the red hat will be absent, the man will remain as fiery as ever and leave a lasting mark on the Bearcats.



Jason Lawrence
Assistant Sports Editor

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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JUNIOR GUARD ABBY Henry drives past a Missouri Southern defender in the 'Cats' 75-64 win Monday at Bearcat Arena. Henry scored 18 total points and added nine rebounds in the women's ninth consecutive win.

IN THE NEWS

Former Bearcat and Delaware tight end Josh Baker will participate in the Eastham Energy College Football All Star game in Tempe, Ariz. Baker transferred to Northwest after using all of his eligibility at Delaware. In his lone season as a 'Cat, Baker snagged 66 passes for 838 yards and nine touchdowns. He also added 132 rushing yards and three touchdowns. At Delaware, he caught 24 passes for 377

yards and three touchdowns. Baker is listed as a fullback and will wear No. 42. Joining Baker on the Stars roster is Central Missouri wide receiver Jamorris Warren. Other notable players participating in the game are quarterback Jeremiah Masoli, Ole Miss and outside linebacker Andrew Gachkar, Missouri. The game will be played at 5:30 p.m. Mountain time at Sun Devil Stadium.

The Northwest cheerleaders could not recapture the magic at Disney after falling short of back-to-back national titles. The squad finished in third place behind runner-up Columbus and champion West Georgia. The title was West Georgia's ninth championship and first since 2008. They finished third last year. Katie Cole and Chaz Johnson placed 13th in coed partner stunt. The Bearcat Steppers finished in fifth-place in the Open Jazz competition finals behind Lindenwood and Avila, third place and fourth place, respectively. The dancers improved one place from last year's sixth place finish. Orange Coast College took home the championship, their first since 2005, and University of Saint Thomas claimed the runner-up position. The 2011 College Cheerleading and Dance Team Championships took place at the Wonderful World of Disney in Orlando, Fla.

G. BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	
Overall	MEC
Maryville.....	10-2
Bishop LeBlond.....	10-2
Smithville.....	10-3
Savannah.....	8-4
Cameron.....	8-6
Benton.....	6-8
Chillicothe.....	5-5
Lafayette.....	3-10

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MARYVILLE at Clarinda (Iowa)
Monday:
MARYVILLE vs Notre Dame de Sion

B. BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	
Overall	MEC
Cameron.....	14-0
Maryville.....	10-2
Bishop LeBlond.....	4-8
Lafayette.....	10-6
Smithville.....	9-5
Savannah.....	7-5
Benton.....	2-12
Chillicothe.....	3-10

Friday:
MARYVILLE vs Park Hill
Saturday:
MARYVILLE vs TBA

M. BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	
Overall ..	MIAA
Mo. Southern ..	14-1
Fort Hays	14-2
Neb.-Omaha....	9-5
Washburn.....	9-5
Emporia St.	9-7
Mo. Western....	8-7
Pitt. State	9-5
S.W. Baptist	8-8
Central Mo.	9-7
Truman	5-9
NORTHWEST ..	4-11
Lincoln (Mo.) ..	2-12

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Truman at Central Mo.
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W. BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	
Overall ..	MIAA
Washburn.....	13-1
NORTHWEST ..	13-2
Emporia St.	11-3
Mo. Southern ..	9-6
Mo. Western....	9-5
Pitt. State	7-7
Truman	7-7
Central Mo.	8-8
S.W. Baptist	6-8
Fort Hays.....	6-8
Neb.-Omaha....	5-9
Lincoln (Mo.) ..	1-13

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Peve takes over 4th quarter in tourney win

By Jason Lawrence
Assistant Sports Editor

The Spoofhounds could not pull away from Fort Scott (Kan.) on Tuesday night in the opening round of the Basehor-Linwood Tournament. The 'Hounds held on and earned a 56-49 victory.

The Tigers led Maryville boys 4-3 after the first quarter, before the 'Hounds put 16 on the board in the second quarter to take a six-point halftime lead.

Early in the third, Maryville went up by 10 points, only to see Fort Scott rally for the tie. The Spoofhounds grabbed a seven-point lead early in the fourth, but the Tigers rallied yet again, tying it up on a 4-point play with 6:40 left in the game.

Senior guard Tyler Peve went on a 10-2 run by himself to put the 'Hounds up by eight with under four minutes remaining, a lead Maryville would not relinquish.

Peve scored a team-high 17 points, with 13 coming in the final period. Sophomore guard Jonathan Baker chipped in 16 points for the Spoofhounds.

The No. 2 seed 'Hounds take on third-seeded Park Hill at 4:30 p.m. Friday in the semifinal round at Basehor (Kan.) High.

Girls drop Bulldogs

Seniors lead way in big non-conference victory

By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

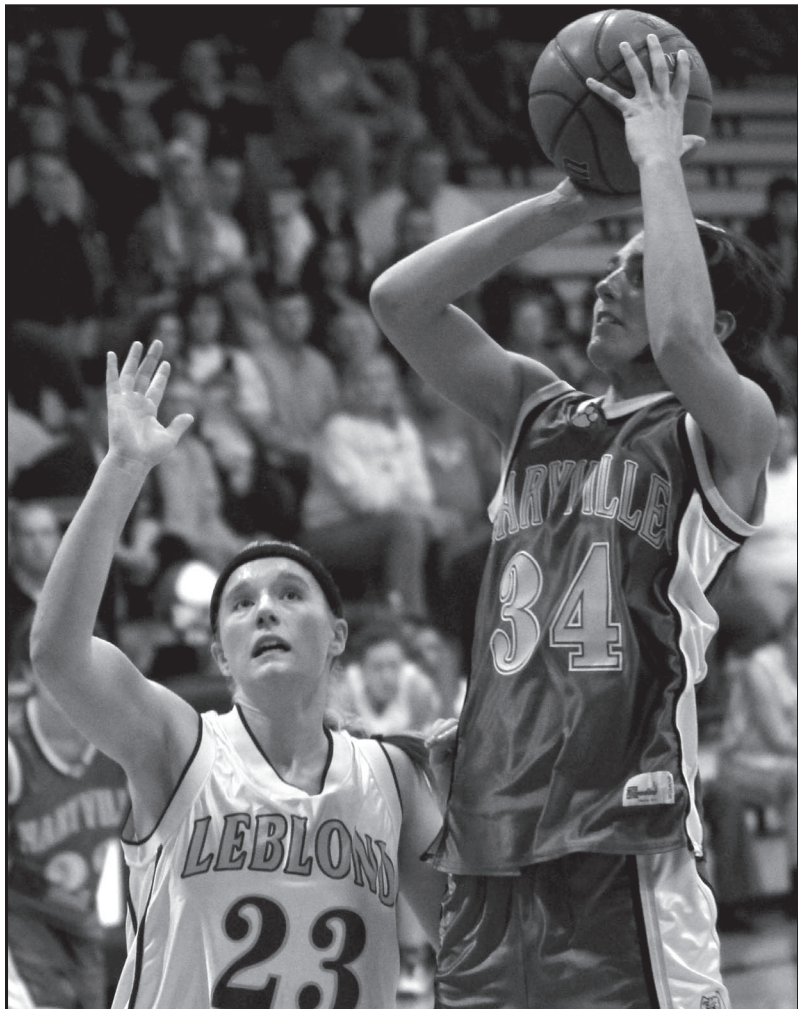
After making a trip out of state and their comfort level, the Lady Spoofhounds rebounded to earn a 51-24 victory over the Auburn Bulldogs.

After scoring just seven points in the first quarter and 12 in the second, head coach Grant Hageman preached execution to his team at half time. The message seemed to work after senior post Taylor Gadbois tallied three quick steals and layups.

"Second half we relaxed once we got a comfortable lead," Hageman said. "From there we just kind of took off on offense. I think our defense got a little better in the second half too, they got too many easy shots in the first half."

Auburn's high-pressure defense plagued the 'Hounds in the first quarter, prompting two five-second violations. After adjustments, the passing lanes started to open up

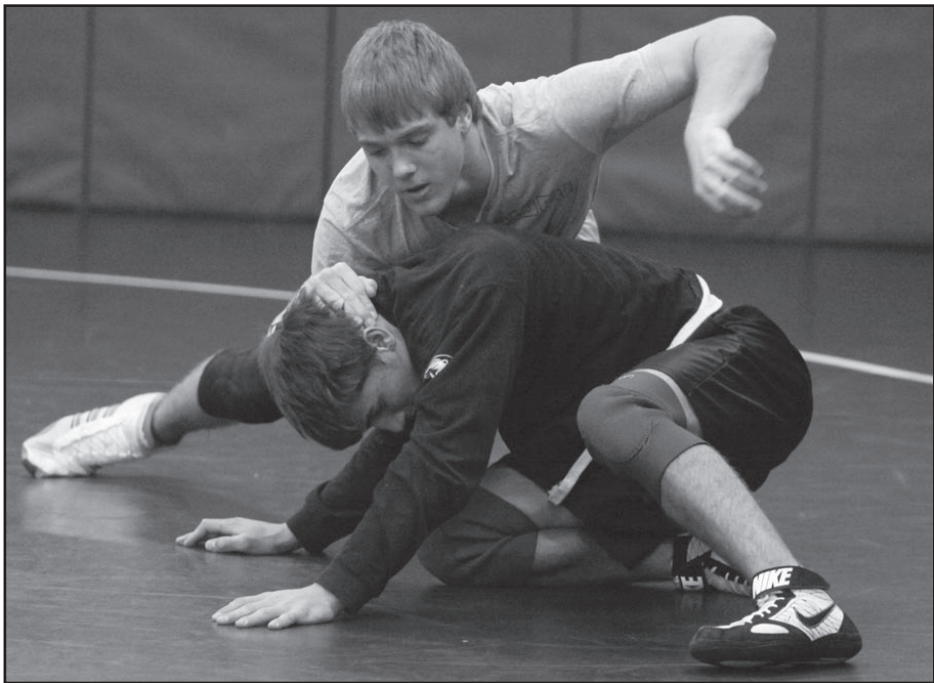
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SENIOR TAYLOR GADBOIS shoots over a LeBlond defender. Gadbois posted a double-double against Auburn, Tuesday night.

KEVIN BIRDSELL
| CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST

SOHP-MORE JORDAN ZECH wrestles Derek Stiens on Wednesday at Maryville High School. Zech is a returning state qualifier from last season.



LORI FRANKENFIELD |
CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST

Thin squad makes due without

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

A lack of bodies in the wrestling room has not kept the Maryville squad from being competitive in duals and tournaments.

It has forced head coach Joe Drake to take a slightly different approach to this season's expectations.

Part of those expectations includes the wrestlers knowing when certain chances and risks are needed. Those calculated gambles are the result of openings left in the lineup and the shortage of wrestlers.

The majority of the opens fall in the heavier weights beginning at 171 pounds through 285 lbs. When the four upper-weight classes are added to an open at 103 and 135 lbs., the result is 36 forfeited points per dual.

"We're taking advantage of the skills we have," head coach Joe Drake said. "Everybody is working hard and they're doing the best they can to support each other. We're pleased with what we're doing even though we are limited on our numbers."

Owners of a modest 4-4 record in duals this season, the Spoofhounds

have been forced to wrestle their entire schedule on the road, with the exception of one quad-meet.

Even with a .500 record, senior Will Twaddle is encouraged by the effort of the smallest wrestling squad since Drake's arrival.

"We've wrestled really well in duals, which I didn't think we'd be a good dual team," Twaddle said, "but we've just seemed like we get pins and stuff's worked out."

"There have been a couple that we've lost and should have probably won,

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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Jake Petersen



Junior guard Jake Petersen came off the bench to score a career-high 22 points in the 'Cats' 91-79 loss to No. 22 Missouri Southern on Monday.

Gabby Curtis



Senior gaurd Gabby Curtis scored a game-high 27 points in Monday's 75-64 win over Missouri Southern, the Bearcats' ninth straight victory.

Tyler Peve



Senior guard Tyler Peve scored a team-high 17 points in the 56-49 victory over Fort Scott (Kan.) on Tuesday. Peve scored 13 points in the fourth quarter.

Taylor Gadbois



Senior post Taylor Gadbois recorded a double-double in Tuesday's 51-24 win over Auburn (Neb.) She scored a team-high 13 points and hauled in 10 rebounds.

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JUNIOR FORWARD JAKE Reinders goes for a layup in the 'Cats' 91-79 loss to Missouri Southern Monday. The 'Cats are on a four-game losing streak and will face Emporia State at 3:30 p.m. this Saturday at Beatcat Arena.

Backcourt's career nights not enough

Cooper, Petersen set career-highs in 12-point loss to Southern

By Jason Lawrence
Assistant Sports Editor

A rough patch in the Northwest men's basketball team's schedule just got a little rougher with a 91-79 loss to No. 22 Missouri Southern on Monday night.

"Tonight we played with energy and enthusiasm," head coach Ben McCollum said. "I think a lot of it traces back, and this may be an excuse, to those four road games where you play teams really close and pretty much had a chance to win every single game on the road, but you don't."

The Bearcats fell to 11th in the MIAA at 4-11 (2-9 MIAA).

Sophomore point guard DeShaun Cooper and junior guard Jake Petersen both had career nights, but they could not lift the 'Cats past the balanced Lions.

"They were great," McCollum said. "DeShaun was great...Jake Petersen stepped up big and he hit open shots. That's what you need to do when you have Cooper and Elijah (Allen) able to make some plays. You just have to hit open shots and kind of stay out of their way and let it come to you."

The Bearcats led early behind Cooper and his 11 first half points, but Southern took over with under nine minutes left in the first half and never looked back.

"We played our hearts out. I was proud of my team and the way we came out," Cooper said. "I was just happy the way we fought. We just didn't get to see the results we wanted."

Senior guard Skyler Bowlin and junior guard Jason Adams combined for 25 points in the first half to push the Lions ahead 41-31.

"They were leaders," Cooper said. "They led their team when they needed them. They got stops when they needed it. They just led their team in the right direction."

Southern kept pushing and stretched its lead to 19 before Northwest found an answer and started chipping away at the lead and getting stops on the defensive end of the floor. Cooper scored nine of his career and game-high 29 points during the stretch, but said the accomplishment did not affect his play.

"It feels the same way as any other game," Cooper said. "I'm just ready to get the 'W'."

"We just need to keep coming to play defense. If we keep coming to play defense and keep fighting it out, we'll get the results we want."

Time and team fouls became a factor for the 'Cats. Southern shot 32 free throws in the game, 22 in the second half to salt the game away. McCollum said free throws were the biggest difference in the game.

Petersen finished with a career-high 22 points on 8 of 13 shooting in a career-best 29 minutes. Senior forward Elijah Allen ran his streak of double-digit scoring games to eight, finishing with 13 points.

Adams led the Lions with 23 points and 13 rebounds while Bowlin chipped in 20 points. Junior center Keane Thomann scored 20 points, anchoring the post for Southern.

Northwest continues its homestand against Emporia State at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

Boeh twins give back at youth basketball clinic

By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

The women's basketball team tipped off basketball careers of about 30 children on Sunday at the clinic sponsored by the Northwest women's basketball team in affiliation with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nodaway County.

The players spent more than two hours with the children. The group enjoyed basketball drills, prizes and a tour of the locker room. The event was the creation of sophomores Candace and Alexis Boeh.

Candace came in contact with the local chapter after her sorority, Alpha Sigma Alpha, hosted a fundraiser for the organization at the bowling alley. Alexis was recruited by her sister and friends after seeing how the program affected the kids involved.

"Getting all of (the team) involved I think is really beneficial," Alexis said. "The number one thing is for children to have good positive role models in their life. I think this opened people's eyes as to how it affects their lives."

The whole team volunteered after head coach Gene Steinmeyer moved up practice to facilitate the event. The service to the community gives back to a town that comes out in support of their Bearcats.

"It shows that we're about something bigger than ourselves," Candace said. "Doing things for the community always is great, especially in a small town like this, to help out as many people that we can and create fun and excitement

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Top-5 finishes lead track team

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

The Northwest men and women's track teams were rewarded with five top-five finishes in their first meet of 2011.

"It was a good opening season meet," head coach Scott Lorek said.

Competing at Nebraska-Lincoln, senior thrower Kate Walter threw a career-best 55-foot, 5.75-inches to hit the NCAA provisional qualifying mark. Walter's throw ranks second-best in program history. She placed third in the meet.

Junior distance runner T.R. Pursell and sophomore pole-vaulter Will Haer led

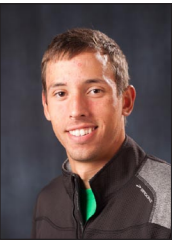
the men with runner-up finishes in their events.

Pursell, finishing with a time of 8 minutes and 40.34 seconds, ran the program's second fastest 3,000-meter run.

Haer cleared 15-feet, 1-inch in the pole vault.

The remaining top-five finishers were sophomores Katti Carroll and Porter Groves.

Carroll claimed third-



T.R. Pursell
Junior Distance Runner

place in the 5,000-meter run, finishing in 18 minutes and 5.48 seconds. Her efforts were good enough for fourth-place in program history.

Groves leapt into fourth-place after jumping 21-feet, 3.5-inches.

Two other Bearcats placed inside the top-10, barely missing the cut for top-five.

Senior Kayli Hrdlicka raced to sixth-place in the 3,000-meter run and junior Taylor Overmiller rounded out the 1,000-meter run top-10.

The 'Cats are back in action at the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational, hosted at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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HEAD COACH SCOTT Bostwick describes different ways that the 'Cats will continue to strive to remain in the top tier of Division II football.

New Regime

Bostwick receives a warm welcome as new head coach

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

The day after he was announced as the head football coach of the Bearcats, a trip to Hy-Vee turned into a storewide group hug.

Women he had never met hugged him. Men unknown to the former defensive coordinator shook his hand. That's when he knew how awesome of a job

he had landed.

Following in the steps of 17-year head coach Mel Tjeerdsma is something only Bostwick will be able to attest to, but both director of athletics Wren Baker and President John Jasinski are already in full support.

"Look at his track record: 17 years side-by-side by Coach T," Jasinski said. "His record from a defensive point of view, a recruiting point of view, an academic point of view and all of the performance angles that one would look at speaks for itself.

"It's almost a no brainer in terms of who's the best avail-

able. The best of the best is right here (at Northwest)."

Even his coaching staff indicated to Bostwick, during the interview process, the job was his to take.

However, do not expect to see a program makeover just because there is someone new at the helm of the three-time national champions. Bostwick said there are things he plans on doing differently, but not to expect major changes anytime soon.

"We want to build on Bearcat tradition and Bearcat culture," Bostwick said. "That's what it's about. That's not changing

at all. We want everybody that went to school here, everybody that played here and everybody who's playing here right now to feel really good about Northwest football. That's our job."

He is also unafraid to let people know he has zero plans of being Tjeerdsma 2.0.

"I can't go out and be Mel," Bostwick said. "It's not going to happen. I have to be me. That's all it is, that's not changing anything. That's natural change; it's just a different person. We're not going to do anything different.

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Questions 'bout Bostwick

- 1 Head coach Scott Bostwick has been an assistant coach for _____ years at Northwest:
A) 12
B) 14
C) 17
D) 19
- 2 Bostwick is the third-leading tackler at what school:
A) Northwest Missouri
B) Drake (Iowa)
C) Nebraska-Kearney
D) Nebraska Wesleyan
- 3 Bostwick received the AFCA Assistant Coach of the Year in what year:
A) 2007
B) 2003
C) 2001
D) He never won it
- 4 Bostwick has coached how many All-Americans at Northwest:
A) 9
B) 12
C) 19
D) 26
- 5 Bostwick coached his younger brother at Northwest:
A) True
B) False
- ANSWERS - 1.C) 17; 2.D) Nebraska Wesleyan; 3.A) 2007; 4.C) 19; 5.A) True

Depth needed to replace senior class

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

Year after year, head football coach Scott Bostwick relies on one constant concept: reload, reload and reload.

Following the graduation of a senior class filled with experience, talent and success, Bostwick and the Northwest coaching staff are in the middle of the most important stretch of the offseason.

The team's priority this offseason focuses on adding much needed help on the offensive and defensive fronts, a combined seven of nine starters gone from last season, as well as replenishing a secondary that lost four starters.

"We need to get players that want to come in here and compete right away and are passionate about the game of football," Joel Osborn, recruitment coordinator and wide receivers coach, said. "We'll have to wait and see, but right now we feel good about the guys we have coming on trips."

Although every season's goal is to bring home a conference and national championship, the coaching staff's ultimate goal is to see their athletes graduate.

"We want to get kids that are not only good football players, but are good academically because our number one goal is to bring kids in here and graduate them," Osborn said.

However, scholarship athletes are not the only type of players the coaches are seeking this season.

"The things we're going to try to do a little bit different is we've assessed that we maybe need to recruit walk-ons more," offensive coordinator Adam Dorrel said. "I think we feel like we got away from that a little bit in the past couple of years just because of budgeting purposes."

Overall, by the end of the recruiting season, the coaching staff wants to sign 22 to 24 high school seniors and transfer players.

Bostwick also announced that three transfers have committed: a defensive lineman, safety, and quarterback/wide receiver. Due to NCAA regulations, names cannot be announced until the athletes have officially signed.

In preparation for the recruits' arrival, Bostwick and his staff reached out to former Bearcats to write letters to the program. Those letters are framed and hang outside of the 'Cats' locker room for recruits and visitors to see.

More than 40 perspective football players will tour the University before national signing day, Feb. 2.



SETH COOK | CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST
SENIOR POST GENTRY Dietz celebrates with her teammates during the 'Cats' 75-64 victory over Missouri Southern Monday. The 'Cats are undefeated since Dietz' return.

Streak easily reaches 9 games

Curtis leads team in win over Southern

By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

The streak rolls on thanks to a 75-64 win against Missouri Southern. The Northwest women now aim to push the streak to double digits, but will have to do so against defending national champion Emporia State on Saturday.

The nine-game streak ranks third all-time in Bearcat history. The record 20-game winning streak came in the 1984 MIAA championship effort, the only regular season conference championship for Northwest. The 'Cats have a chance to equal that mark as the conference schedule turns over.

"It's really exciting," junior guard Abby Henry said. "I like what our team's doing. I think we get better every game and we play harder every game. We play better together every game.

I'm really excited for what the future is with this team."

Senior guard Gabby Curtis poured in a game-high 27 points, bumping her average up to 16.9 points per game after averaging 11 points a game last season.

"The kids have to grow up in the system and mature in the system," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "When you start a season it's like Lincoln Logs; you're trying to build a cabin. Sometimes it turns out to be an outhouse. Fortunately, this year we're putting a room addition on. ... Gabby has always had this in her."

Senior forward Kyla Roehrig added another double-double, her fifth in the past six games, with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Henry added 18 points and a career-high nine assists.

"When everybody comes with their 'A' game, we're unstoppable," Curtis said. "It's like no one can stop us. We gotta keep it up, bring our 'A' game every single time because we

play Emporia Saturday and that's a real big game for us."

The 'Cats' bench play has dropped off after the addition of senior forward Gentry Dietz to the starting lineup. Northwest did not get any scoring from the bench against Southern after averaging over 10 points per game before her return.

Northwest trailed by six at the midway point of the first half, while in the middle of a near 10 minute field goal drought. Eventually, the shooters found their stroke and hit seven shots in a row, sparking a 17-4 run to take a 10 point lead into the half.

"We have so many offensive threats, so we know we can put up a bunch of points in a very short amount of time," Henry said. "Even if we might get off to a slow start or have a little slump in there we always know we can put up points. We try not to get too down about it."

The Bearcats tipoff against Emporia State at 1 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

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